

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	Civil Action No. 4:02CV1488-ERW
v.)	
)	
MALLINCKRODT INC.; SHELL OIL)	
COMPANY; and SOLUTIA INC.)	
)	
Defendants.)	

**ORDER GRANTING THIRD-PARTY PLAINTIFF MALLINCKRODT INC.'S
AND THIRD-PARTY DEFENDANT CHEMISPHERE CORPORATION'S,
JOINT MOTION TO APPROVE SETTLEMENT, DISMISS PURSUANT TO
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, AND GRANT CONTRIBUTION PROTECTION**

This cause comes before the Court on Third-Party Plaintiff Mallinckrodt Inc.'s ("Third-Party Plaintiff") and Third-Party Defendant Chemisphere Corporation's ("Third-Party Defendant," or "Chemisphere") Joint Motion to Approve Settlement, Dismiss Pursuant to Settlement Agreement, and Grant Contribution Protection ("Motion") [doc. #659]. Upon review of the Motion, the Court concludes that the Motion should be GRANTED.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- (1) Third-Party Plaintiff's and Third-Party Defendant's Settlement Agreement is approved;
- (2) Third-Party Plaintiff's Claims against Third-Party Defendant are dismissed with prejudice;

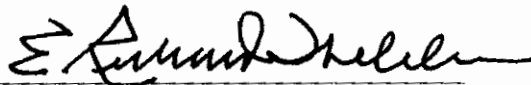
(3) Third-Party Defendant shall be granted contribution protection from Claims, to prevent non-settling defendants and others from asserting contribution claims against Third-Party Defendant that are Claims as defined in the Settlement Agreement. All Claims, including without limitation, all counterclaims and cross-claims which have been made or could have been made against Third-Party Defendant by any person other than the United States in connection with this action are dismissed with prejudice; and

(4) The liability of the non-settling parties will be reduced by the total amount of money paid in the Settlement Agreement.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date:

July 16, 2007



E. Richard Webber
United States District Judge